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## No Paper To-Morrow.

The Republic has never issued a paper on Thanksgiving Day, and therefore will observe to-morrow no holiday, upon which all hands will rest from their labors, eat turkey and give thanks.

Give Thanks, Oh, Ye Peopole!

Thanksgiving Day is a purely American institution, and when we come to consider how many more reasons our people have for being thankful than any other nation on the globe it is not strange that the religious sentiment, which seems to be inherent in man, should find vent in our case in the establishment of a day set apart for the expression of gratitude in a wholesale and general way. Living in the most fruitful and prosperous country ever given to man, where wealth and plenty are the certain reward of industry and sobriety, and where every right and privilege that can contribute to man's happiness and well-being are guaranteed by wholesome laws, the people of this country have personal cause for thanksgiving and gratitude. It is true that the American people are not exempt from the disasters and calamities that afflict humanity in common; individuals sick and die, crops sometimes fail, tornadoes and conflagrations destroy the accumulated wealth of your, and yet, notwithstanding all these, we have here more of peace and plenty, more of those blessings which go to make up the sum of human happiness, than can be found anywhere else upon God's footstool. It is meet, then, that on stated occasions the people should open their hearts and pour out grateful thanks to the Good Being who has cast their lines in such pleasant places. The institution of Thanksgiving Day is but the natural outgrowth of our surroundings, acting upon the hearts of a people who have no desire to perish from the earth by taking their place among the nations which forgot God."

**Taking the law by the horns.** —  
DETROIT CITY, Mich., Nov. 28.—The following letter was yesterday handed to Secretary of State McGrath, by a special messenger. It indicates that the writer, Dr. J. H. McLean, does not propose to give up his claim to a seat in Congress without a contest.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26, 1883.  
Hon. M. K. McGRATH, Secretary of State,  
Jefferson City, Mo.

HONORABLE FRIENDS—Please demand a personal interview with the seat in the Sixth congressional district of Missouri, which I hold, in the city of St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7, 1882. The original certificate sent you and now in your hands certifies to you that I am elected by a majority of 21 votes.

Very truly yours,  
JAMES H. MCLEAN.

**Texas School Lands.**

DETROIT, Tex., Nov. 28.—The leading residents of the city assembled last night at T. P. Dougherty's office and took preliminary steps to form a state association, which is to be perfected next Friday night at an adjourned meeting. A temporary organization was perfected with L. Powell president. The object is to map out a plan of action to secure favorable legislation on the school question at the extra legislative session in January. A resolution was adopted calling on all interested persons to meet at the office of Mr. Dougherty's morning. A well-informed citizen gave it as his opinion that the real object is to provide for a strong lobby to work for the removal of the safe-guards left surrounding the state lands and try to have them swept out of existence.

**Gold Play Suspected.**

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 28.—Suspicion of some sort exists from this city, we are bound to the outside world by the reports of the miners of the city yesterday morning. A citizen's jury came to the conclusion that while intoxicated he fell from his wagon and sustained injuries from which he died. He was born yesterday and was considerably intoxicated when he started home. There is a strong suspicion of foul play, as his clothes are not torn from him, even though he was severely beaten, and his body, very strongly, lay at home all night with no signs of having run away. He left a wife and four children.

**On Trial for Murder.**

DETROIT, Ark., Nov. 28.—Hall and Powers charged with the murder of a law-writer of the Memphis and Little Rock bar in the St. Francis swamp last spring, went to trial here yesterday upon a charge of venue from St. Francis county. At the time of the offense several hundred men were present, and it was thought a regular organized band of cut-throats infested that section. The capture of the two mentioned above quieted the rumors which were feeding on Paul Clegg's food-stuff, and gave assurance that Arkansas would handle all offenders against the peace and dignity of the state.

**Bank Defrauds Indicted.**

GLENWOOD, Ia., Nov. 28.—W. S. Kirkpatrick, who so mysteriously disappeared October 1, and was charged with taking some \$17,000 of the funds of the Second National bank, has been indicted for grand larceny by the grand jury and placed under \$25,000 bond, which was signed by his brothers-in-law, who are all wealthy. The defrauded bank has employed able counsel and means business.

**Commander Gorring's Horse Trade.**

MANDAN, Dakot., Nov. 28.—W. Wright, agent for Commander Gorring, of New York, arrived here late last night from Little Missouri to prosecute two brothers named Roberts and a man named Padlock, for assault with intent to kill, growing out of a dispute over horses belonging to Gorring.

**Modern Advancement.**

Our attention has been lately drawn by personal experience to Dr. Bigelow's Detective cure for coughs, colds and consumption. It is a safe, simple and effective remedy, the production of the resources of an eminent physician and two practical chemists of laboratory experience of fifty years. It is an unequalled modern production.

*Extraction.* Trial bottle free of Dr. A. J. Storer, physician and druggist, Decatur, Illinois.

Ladies, call and see things nobly Jersey  
Beds at 212 Merchant Street, New York.

John Irwin's White Front.

## BY TELEGRAPH

## The Speakership Con-test.

## TEXAS SCHOOL LANDS.

## War On Obscene Literature.

## Meeting of General Passenger Agents.

St. Louis, Nov. 28.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock the passenger agents, with headquarters in St. Louis, will hold a special meeting at the office of H. C. Townsend, the general passenger agent of the Rock Island system, the object of the meeting being to call on some of the officials to account for certain alleged irregularities. When asked what roads were "kicking out of the seats," yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. C. Townsend replied: "I cannot answer the question, but can say that charges have been internally made against one or two lines. It is claimed that the lines in question have been cutting rates to Eastern points with the assistance of the scalping fraternity.

His staff here consists chiefly of Pennsylvania inspectors and New York.

**A REPARATION.**

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Randall men are becoming desperate. Some of them acknowledge that between now and Saturday night they will have to capture at least twenty of Carlisle's votes in order to nominate their candidate. Randall himself preserves in public a calm, placid air, expressive himself as perfectly confident of his success, and says he is all right for the home stretch. He yesterday took the following formal announcement:

**A REPARATION.**

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So far as I can dilate I have disgraced my bag and blaster. My canvass has been orderly, free from abuse of my opponents, but I confess I had a notion of my success. These men did not give me the same representation whose judgment is against Mr. Carlisle, and I believe their votes will be given to prevent his election.

If Mr. Carlisle is in reality very confident of his nomination it is regarded as remarkable that he should be calling to aid an army of outside workers, and I am sure that the efforts to demonstrate Mr. Carlisle's unpopularity will continue.

His staff here consists chiefly of Pennsylvania inspectors and New York.

**THIRTY DAY OF.**

It is pretty generally understood among railroad men that the managers of the city ticket offices of the different lines running into St. Louis will sign an agreement to-day to close their places of business to-morrow at noon.

All the railroad companies, with the exception of Louisville and Nashville, have determined to issue orders requiring their freight offices, warehouses and elevators to remain closed all day, and that no trains excepting regular passenger trains and freight trains containing live-stock and freight, will continue to run. The Louisville and Nashville shall be the first to do this, as their tracks are not far enough, while accommodated during the recent washouts east of the Ohio bridge.

**Saved by a Sentence.**

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Nov. 28.—The trial of James Jones, colored, of Brooklyn, for the murder of his Marshal Green of Brooklyn was set for yesterday, but as he was too feeble from the effects of fever and the gunshot wound received at the time of the murder, the case was continued. Then Jones was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary upon the verdict of the jury.

The trial of Mr. W. H. Martin, of Franklin, last summer, he had just been sentenced, when the intelligence was brought into the court-room that McLean had died on the night previous from the effect of the gunshot wounds received at the hands of Jones and his accomplices. The novel question now arises whether Jones should not now be tried for the murder of McLean, though he has been sentenced to 10 years for an assault to kill McLean.

**Fair and Festival**

AT THE

**TABERNACLE,**

DEC. 5th AND 6th,

By the ladies of

St. John's Episcopal Church.

**Supposed to be Drowned.**

DRUGGETT, Ill., Nov. 28.—The steamer Franklin returned last night from Utica, having made a rapid run, after a full day's travel, in a gale, and was much delayed.

There is no doubt that towards the end of the trip they will, in their desperation, return to Utica, as they will not be able to get into the harbor.

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# Our Great Benefit Sale "1847 ROGER BROS."

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The prices we give are about one-half the real value and regular selling price of these goods, but we give our customers a benefit on some PARTICULAR LINE every year at this time, and we have bought these goods in quantities large enough to put them down to the prices named. Every piece of goods will be fully warranted by special GUARANTEE CERTIFICATE.

## READ OUR GUARANTEE:

We fully guarantee that all Spoons, Forks, etc., bought of us for extra dollars are plated with Fine Sterling Silver, upon the finest grade silver, the best known base for plating upon; that the deposit is well shed upon the goods, and has been rigidly inspected with a great deal of care. We hereby authorize the purchaser, when our goods do not prove exactly as represented, to return them to us and we will refund the amount paid or replace the goods.

OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,  
Leading Jewelers of Illinois.

This is a rare opportunity to buy these necessary articles, and you should embrace it. They will cost you, after this run is over, double what we are now asking.

"1847 Roger Bros." Triple Plated Knives \$2.50 per dozen and \$1.25 per set.

Fiddle or Plain Pattern 5 Ounce or Extra Plate.  
FIVE SPOONS Net price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$1.05 per set.  
TAKE SPOONS Net price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.13 per set.  
TAKE FORKS Net price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.13 per set.

## Esklake and Lorne Patterns--Both Fancy.

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Fiddle or Plain Pattern--12 Ounce or Triple Plate.

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TAKE FORKS Net price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.13 per set.

Esklake and Lorne Patterns--Both Fancy.

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No. 122 Merchant St., DECATUR.

## WE SHOW

WE SHOW  
Black Silk in this city for the money, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.

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Black Cashmere in this city for the money, 50c, 65c, 75c and \$1.

WE SHOW  
Black Cashmere in this city, and at the lowest prices.

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**MILLINERY at One-Third Less Price**

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The "CHAMPION MONITOR"

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### A Chinese Doctor in San Francisco.

[("Tobakhan" in Globe-Democrat.)  
A celebrated among these people is their great doctor, Li Po Tai, who has been in this country nearly ten years and has won large incomes from his profession than any white practitioner in the city. Li Po Tai had the small-pox and suffered a gas explosion, and as a consequence his appearance is enough to make one's hair stand on end. His patients all come to him when he is off, and Li Po Tai sits up in a blue chair on an office overlooking the plaza, and feeds pigeons all day long. He is habited in gorgous silks and brocades, and sits on one side of a long table blinking through his narrow eyes like the incarnation of all wisdom.

The patients are mostly white people, who come to him after a varied round of their own physicians, or at the instigation of some of his resourceful and enthusiastic patients. Li Po Tai treats the patient's elbow on a blue silk cushion and proceeds to feel their right pulse with his three-fingered and long-clawed fingers. He feels the right pulse to ascertain the condition of the heart, stomach and kidneys, and then grasps the left wrist to find out about the liver, liver and lungs. Although he knows practically nothing of anatomy as our physicians know it, he makes a wonderful diagnosis of a case. He charges \$10 a week for his services, including his medicines and patients either come to his office and drink the tinctures, or take the packages of mysterious stuff home and make their own drinks.

Li Po Tai has many notions that puzzle and interest his patients. He first treats them to a severe course of antidiodes or quinine salts. If they complain of having taken cold, then drugs to cure it; if they complain of being too fat, then drugs to make them thin; if they complain of being too thin, then drugs to make them fat. He has no richer land or more delicious oranges in Florida than in this county, and the patients will be raised as far north as this. I often see in the papers, some from this state, and some of the northern ones, that certain localities are below the frost line, and that oranges, lemons, etc., can only successfully be raised below this frost line, and maps are shown representing the frost line as crossing the state at certain places, but on close inspection it will be perceived that it is always in the torso of some Orange county proprietor, or town, simply telling forth the great advantages of Orange county, or of the town of Deland, or some other town, are paid advertisements. Now it is a fact that can be established that more than one-third of all the orange crop of the state, and more than two-thirds of the vegetables shipped from the state, are raised and shipped from points within a radius of thirty miles of Gainesville, and who will say that it is not set in Canada, if it is not set in already? Mighty railroads like the Pacific line of America do not go for a few years or even months, what a century of crossing wagons will fail to do. Towns and villages appear as if by fairy bidding. As the road nears completion, the enthusiasm of the workers grows apace. The sight of the Pacific will be a tonic as invigorating as the sight of the sea was to the ten thousand. When the 3,000 miles of line are finished the progress of the Dominion will have assumed another phase.

That Canada has a great future in store, we doubt. The Dominion has its winter, but they are not so severe as ours, and the snows of the Canadian winter, which is the only drawback to the rich lands of Manitoba, should create a hardy race of men, more experienced and courageous than any in the world. The Canadian north is not that happy stage of social development when there is land enough for everybody, but there is room enough for everybody, and the golden age of a country, about which it can not make too much while labor is highly paid, and when it is not worth a man's while to be lazy. There is no richer land or more delicious orange groves in Florida than in this county, and parties will go to counties 75 or 100 miles south of this to find lands higher in price and further from railroads or rivers, and yet many think that lands are done here, but in Orange, parts of Marion and Polk and Sumter, lands are from 50 to 100 per cent higher than in this county.

There are considerable improvements going on here and buildings are springing up in all directions. If there are any spare carpenters or plasterers in Marion county who are now shut up at home and are out of work till next spring, let them come here and they will find work all winter at good wages.

I was glad to meet Mr. C. O. Platt and lady yesterday morning at the Arlington, and Mr. C. O. will remain some days, after visiting relatives a few miles north. He contemplates, if he thinks the opening good, establishing a feed and provision store, to be supplied from his northern purchases, and he will give some good man a chance to operate it for him.

I had hoped to have met before this some more of our friends from Illinois. I hope their Florida enthusiasm will not die out, and it seems to me that a few more storms, with mercury below zero in November, would start them for the land of the orange and the citrus.

The thermometer on Thursday and Friday of this week stood 91 to 86 at about noon.

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